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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

We, LYNN P. NELLES, MATHIAS K. SUCAN, and NAYANKUMAR B. TRIVEDI hereby declare that we are citizens of the United States (Nelles and Trivedi) and the Ivory Coast (Sucan), and we are residents of St. Charles, Missouri (Nelles), Schaumburg, Illinois (Sucan), and Chesterfield, Missouri (Trivedi).

We further declare that we have reviewed and understand the contents (including the claims) of the utility patent application entitled TREATMENT OF VEGETABLE OILS OR ANIMAL FATS WITH SULFUR OR NITROGEN DONOR COMPOUNDS FOR ANIMAL FOOD FLAVORINGS, which was filed on November 13, 2001 and which was given the serial number 09/993,048; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention or discovery described and claimed therein; that we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application

filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a); that we do not claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate; that no foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns.

We do not claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any prior United States application.

We further declare that all statements made of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and that we have been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

And we hereby appoint Patrick D. Kelly (USPTO Reg. 30,650), 11939 Manchester #403, St. Louis, MO 63131, as our attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business connected therewith (including the filing of any continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications) in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in any patent office of any other nation or state or any international patent organization or office.

WHEREFORE, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the specification and claims of US patent application 09/993,048, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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